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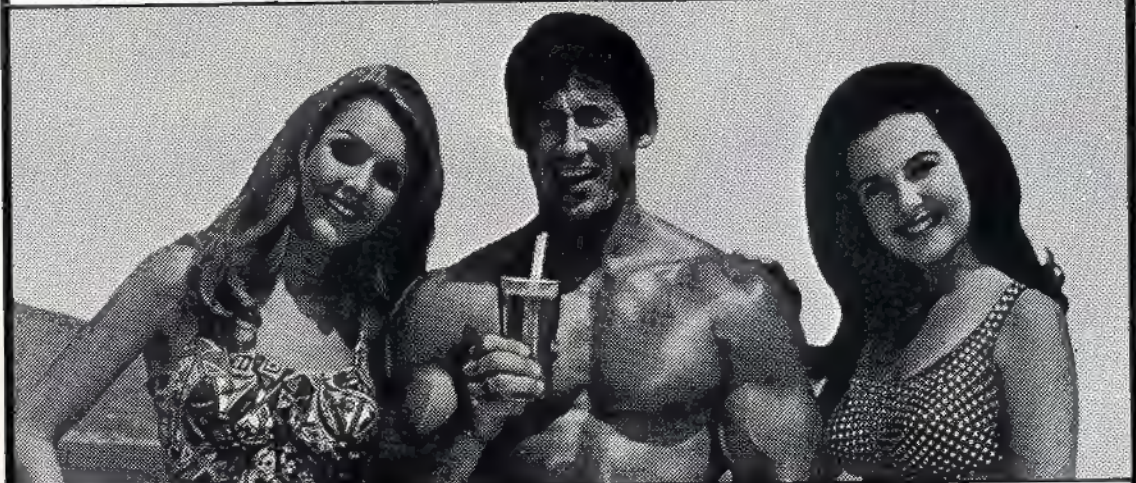
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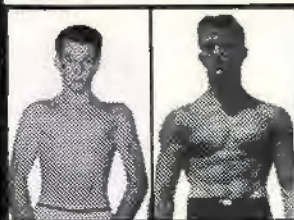
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BEFORE AFTER

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SHOULDN'T THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?

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James Parker of Ft. Worth, Texas writes: "It's Fantastic—I went from 158 to 172 pounds in 14 days. Gained 14 pounds in 14 days and added 2 inches to my chest. I'm more than satisfied!"

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"THE RAGE OF BLASTAAR!"

FOR I AM--**BLASTAAR!**
KING OF A LIMITLESS DOMAIN
--EMPEROR OF ALL EXISTENCE!
BESIDE MY POWER, ALL ELSE IS
AS NOTHINGNESS! YET--COSMIC
MONARCH THOUGH I BE--I HAVE
BEEN FELLED BY THE FOULEST
OF FATES!

WHERE IS THERE
ONE WHO WOULD CHALLENGE
MY MAJESTY? THEIR LEGIONS
ARE FEW--THEIR FORTUNES
ARE FEEBLE!

CONDEMNED I AM--
BY CRUEL CONSPIRATORS
WHO FLY THE VAPID FLAG
OF WHAT THEY WOULD CALL
DECENCY AND JUSTICE
--CONDEMNED BY THEM
TO ROAM THE ENDLESS
WILDERNESS OF
NEGATIVE SPACE!

AND WHAT AM I, CAST
THUS UPON THESE DESERTED
SHORES OF THE COSMOS? BEREFT
OF PLANETS I MIGHT PLUNDER--
STRIPPED OF SOLAR SYSTEMS
WORTHY OF THE SCOURGING!
WITHOUT A SINGLE CHALLENGE--

--TO CONTEST
MY MIGHT, I AM
CHAFF, I AM
DROSS--I AM
LESS THAN
NOUGHT!

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I CRAVE THE **LIFEBLOOD** OF COMBAT--AND I MUST SETTLE FOR **SILENCE** AND **SOLITUDE**!

THE ROAR OF BATTLE AND DIN OF ROUTED ENEMIES WAS MEAT AND DRINK TO ME--BUT HERE MUST I FEAST UPON **DESOLATION** AND **DARK DESPAIR**!



AND--MOST MISERABLE FATE OF ALL--BEFORE ME HANGS THE **GREEN JEWEL** CALLED EARTH, TAUNTING ME LIKE SOME BECKONING **BAUBLE** BEYOND AN **INFANT'S REACH**!

FOR, WERE I TO SET ONE **SINGLE** CELL OF MY **ANTI-MATTER** UPON THAT WORLD--I WOULD BE **EXPLODED** THRU ALL **ETERNITY** AND **SPACE**!



YET THERE, ON THAT **JEERING** WORLD, ARE THE VERY BEINGS WHO THRUST THIS **SHAME** UPON ME!

BLWAK!

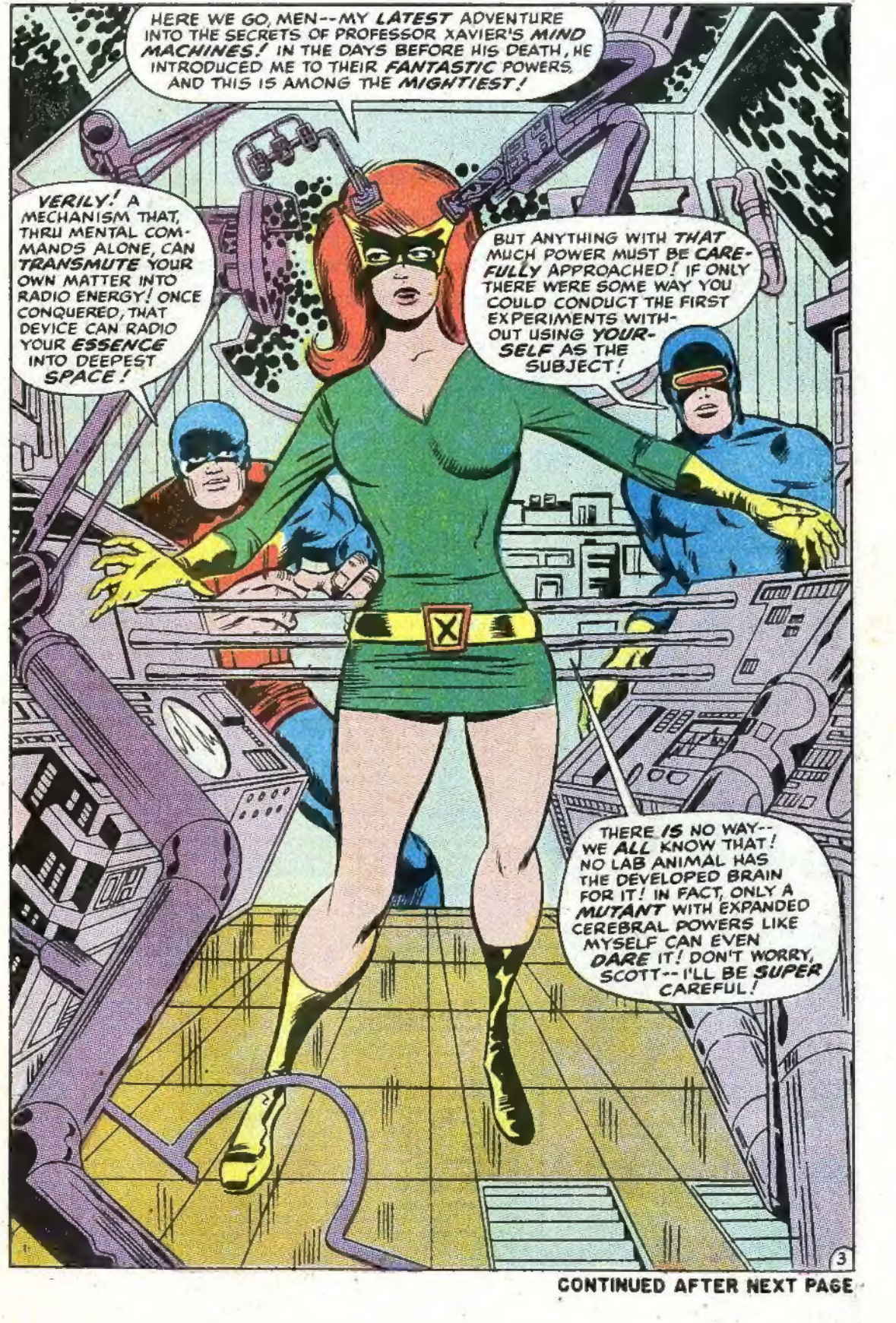
MUST I BE **FOREVER** VICTIM OF THOSE PUNY SOULS WHO FEAR MY **GLORIOUS** POWER? **PRISONER** OF MEN TOO **COWARDLY** TO RULE OTHERS--AND TOO **MEAN** OF SPIRIT TO ACCEPT ONE **BORN** TO RULE!



SOMEWHERE, SOMEHOW, THESE **CHAINS** OF THE PHYSICAL LAWS THAT BIND ME SHALL BE **BURST ASSUNDER**!

SOME KEY AS YET UNKNOWN TO ME SHALL **TURN** THE LOCK AND FREE MY SPIRIT--AND MY **RAGE**! THEN SHALL I **FLING** MYSELF FULL UPON MY **TORMENTORS**--

--AND GRIND THEM AND ALL THEY CALL THEIR OWN INTO DRIEST DUST! **VENGEANCE**--MERCILESS AND BEYOND ANY YET CONCEIVED--SHALL BE MINE! **BLASTAAR** SHALL BE **AVENGED**!

A full-page comic book illustration. Jean Grey, with her red hair and green dress, stands in the center, looking forward with a determined expression. She has a yellow 'X' on her belt. Behind her, Cyclops and Iceman are visible, both looking at her. The background is filled with complex scientific machinery, including large metal structures and control panels. The floor is made of square tiles. The overall style is classic comic book art with bold lines and a limited color palette.

HERE WE GO, MEN--MY **LATEST** ADVENTURE INTO THE SECRETS OF PROFESSOR XAVIER'S **MIND MACHINES!** IN THE DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH, HE INTRODUCED ME TO THEIR **FANTASTIC** POWERS, AND THIS IS AMONG THE **MIGHTIEST!**

VERILY! A MECHANISM THAT, THRU MENTAL COMMANDS ALONE, CAN **TRANSMUTE** YOUR OWN MATTER INTO RADIO ENERGY! ONCE CONQUERED, THAT DEVICE CAN RADIO YOUR **ESSENCE** INTO DEEPEST SPACE!

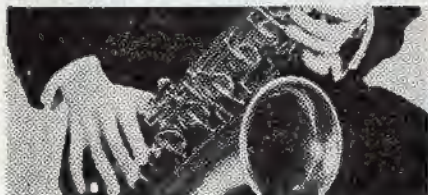
BUT ANYTHING WITH THAT MUCH POWER MUST BE **CAREFULLY** APPROACHED! IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY YOU COULD CONDUCT THE FIRST EXPERIMENTS WITHOUT USING **YOUR-SELF** AS THE SUBJECT!

THERE **IS** NO WAY--WE **ALL** KNOW THAT! NO LAB ANIMAL HAS THE DEVELOPED BRAIN FOR IT! IN FACT, ONLY A **MUTANT** WITH EXPANDED CEREBRAL POWERS LIKE MYSELF CAN EVEN **DARE** IT! DON'T WORRY, SCOTT--I'LL BE **SUPER** CAREFUL!

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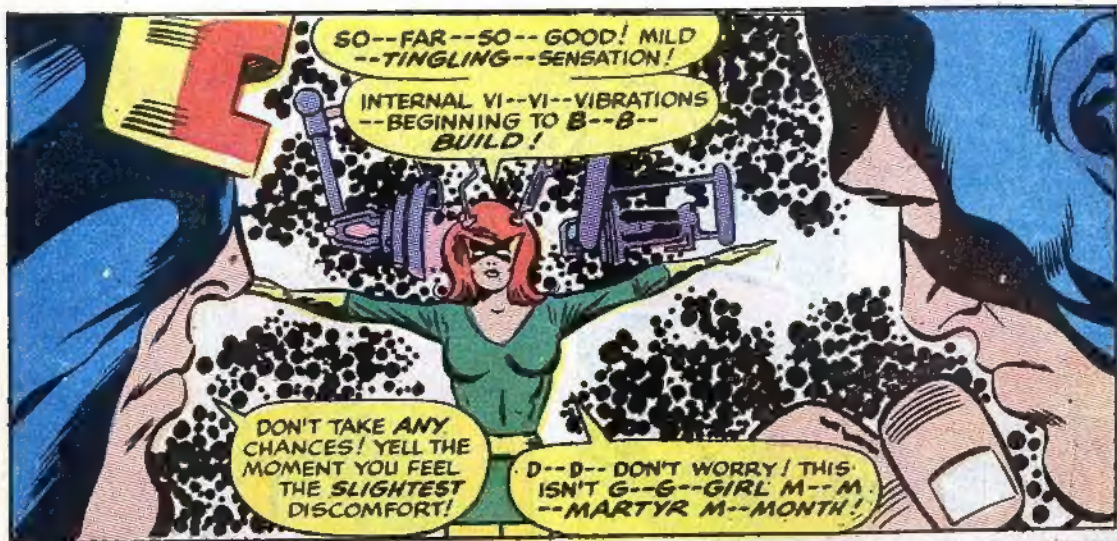
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WH--WHAT HAPPENED?
OH!! SCOTT-- THE
MACHINE--IT'S STILL
OPERATING! I DON'T
KNOW WHAT EFFECT
IT CAN HAVE WITH-
OUT A HUMAN BRAIN
DIRECTING IT!

COME ON, HANK
--CUT THE MAIN
FUSE! WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR, MAN!

I AM NOT EQUIVOCATING IN
THE LEAST, GOOD FRIEND! BUT
RIGHT NOW THAT FUSE HOUSING
IS HOTTER THAN THE SEVENTH
CIRCLE OF DANTE'S INFERNO!
THE MACHINE IS LIKE A
SPONGE--

--SOAKING UP EVERY
LAST DROP OF
ENERGY FROM
OUR ATOMIC
GENERATOR!
WHERE IS IT ALL
GOING?



AND, IN THE OUTER REGIONS OF THE AWESOME **NEGATIVE ZONE**, A TERRIFYING COINCIDENCE IS UNDERWAY--A JUNCTURE OF TWO LINES OF EXISTENCE THAT ONLY SOME **TWISTED, WRATHFUL FATE** WOULD HAVE JOINED!

AAAAGHH!

WHAT IS THIS **BONE-DEEP** PAIN THAT SEARS ME LIKE A **KNIFE OF FIRE**? IT IS THE FINGERS OF SOME **INVISIBLE HAND**--DRAWING ME AGAINST MY OWN **LIMITLESS POWER** PULLING ME INTO EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE --WHERE I WILL BE **DESTROYED!**

HOW IS THIS? I'AM WITHIN THE ATMOSPHERIC PERIPHERY NOW--YET MY **ANTI-MATTER** SUBSTANCE IS **NOT EXPLODING!** THERE IS BUT **ONE ANSWER!**

SOMETHING HAS FREED ME! I AM ABLE **ONCE MORE** TO STALK THAT WORLD WHICH DOOMED ME--AND TO BRING DOWN TOTAL ANNIHILATION UPON MY TORMENTORS! **BLASTAAR LIVES AGAIN!**

NO CHOICE NOW!
HAVE TO TEAR THE
MAIN POWER LINE
APART WITH MY
BARE HANDS
AND--

WAIT! SOMETHING
THERE--**WRITHING** IN
THE CRACKLING ENERGY
THAT POURS FROM THE
OVERLOAD MACHINE!



IT IS OBVIOUS--**SICK-ENINGLY** SO--THAT YOU
HAVE AN **ALL-POWERFUL**
MOUTH, SIR! BUT THE
REST OF YOUR **BOASTFUL**
INTRODUCTION REMAINS
TO BE TESTED! SHALL
WE COMMENCE THE
EXAMINATION?

AND--UNLESS
I'VE FLIPPED MY
CEREBRUM--IT'S
TAKING ON AN **AL-**
MOST HUMAN
SHAPE!

YOU ARE **NOT** MISTAKEN, MY **FEEBLE**
FRIEND! WHAT YOU SEE BEFORE YOU IS
THE **ALL-POWERFUL**, **UNEQUALLED**
PRESENCE OF THE
NEW MASTER OF
EARTH--
BLASTAAR!



YOU ARE ONE WHO MUST LEARN
THRU **SORROWFUL** EXPERIENCE, I
SEE! THEN LET IT BE SO! **BLASTAAR**
SHALL BE YOUR **TEACHER!**



AND LET THE **LESSON**
THAT YOU ABSORB HERE
SERVE AS A WARNING TO
ALL **EARTHLINGS!** I WILL
NOT BE **DEFIED!** AND
I WILL NOT BE **DENIED!**

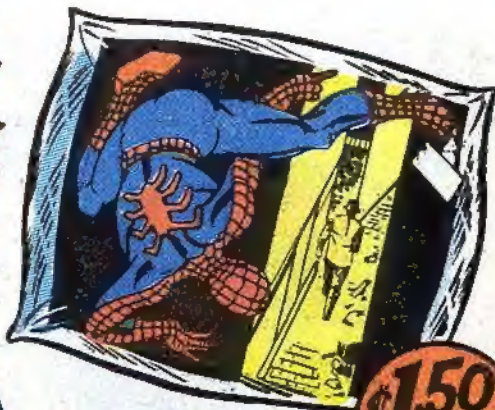
LEARN **WELL** THIS **TEACHING**
--IN THE BRIEF AND PAINFUL MO-
MENT OF EXISTENCE THAT **RE-**
MAINS TO YOU! FOR IT IS A
LESSON THAT CAN BE
TAUGHT BUT **ONCE!**



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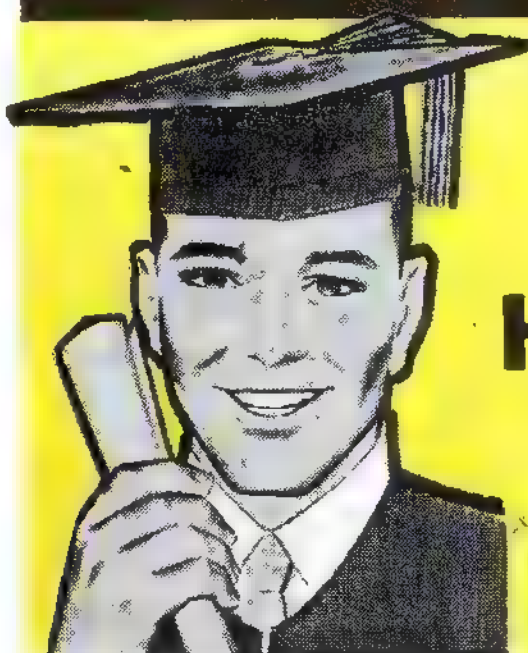
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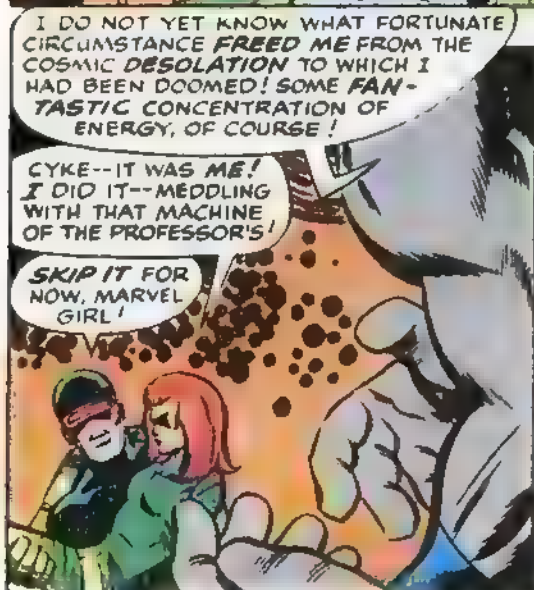
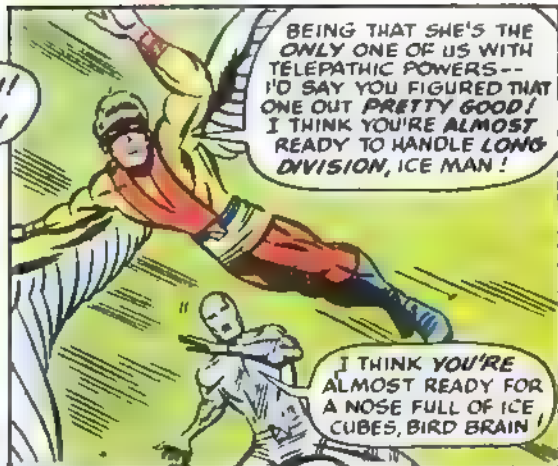
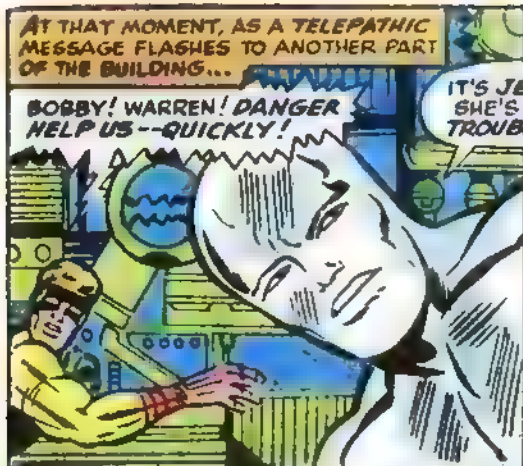
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YOU MAKE THE GAME MUCH TOO *SIMPLE*, MY FRIEND! BY ATTEMPTING A DIRECT ATTACK ON ME, YOU REDUCE THE WHOLE THING TO A *MERE* MATTER OF BRUTE FORCE! AND THAT CONTEST YOU CAN *NEVER* SURVIVE!

WELL, DON'T LOOK *NOW*, BLASTAAR-- BUT IT'S ABOUT TO GET MIGHTY *COMPLICATED*! LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE--

--WE JUST OPENED A *SECOND FRONT*! NOW YOU'RE UNDER ATTACK FROM LAND AND AIR!

ANGEL! YOU DO HAVE A *KNACK* FOR NICK-OF-TIME RESCUES!

A *FLYING* HUMAN! INDEED I HAVE STUMBLED UPON A RARE COLLECTION OF MEN HERE! BUT THIS IS OF LITTLE CONCERN TO ME *ONE* BLAST OF ENERGY WILL BRING DOWN THAT-- *BIRD*!

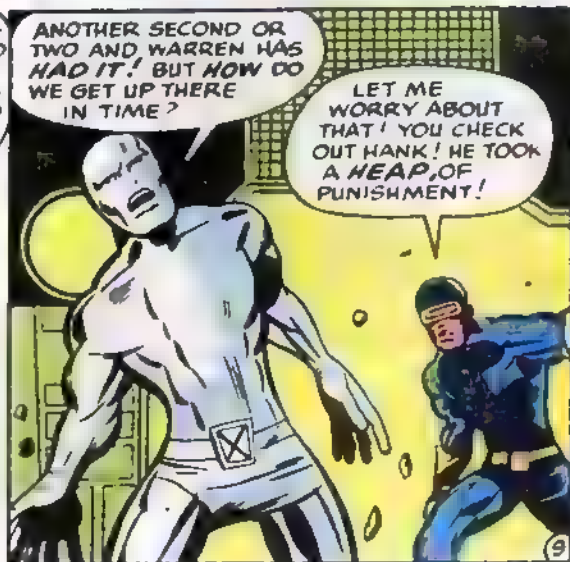
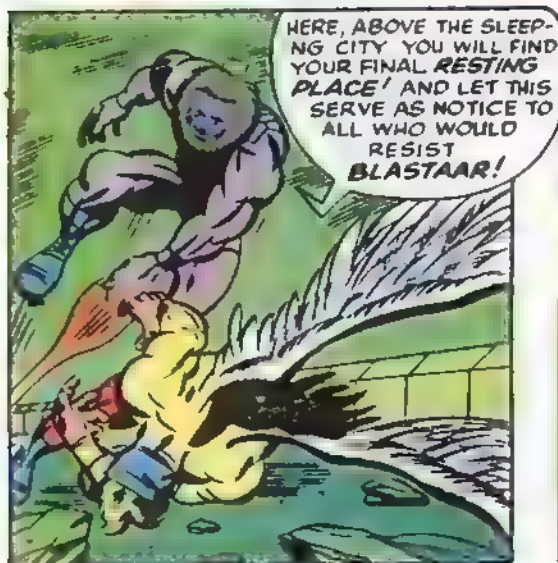
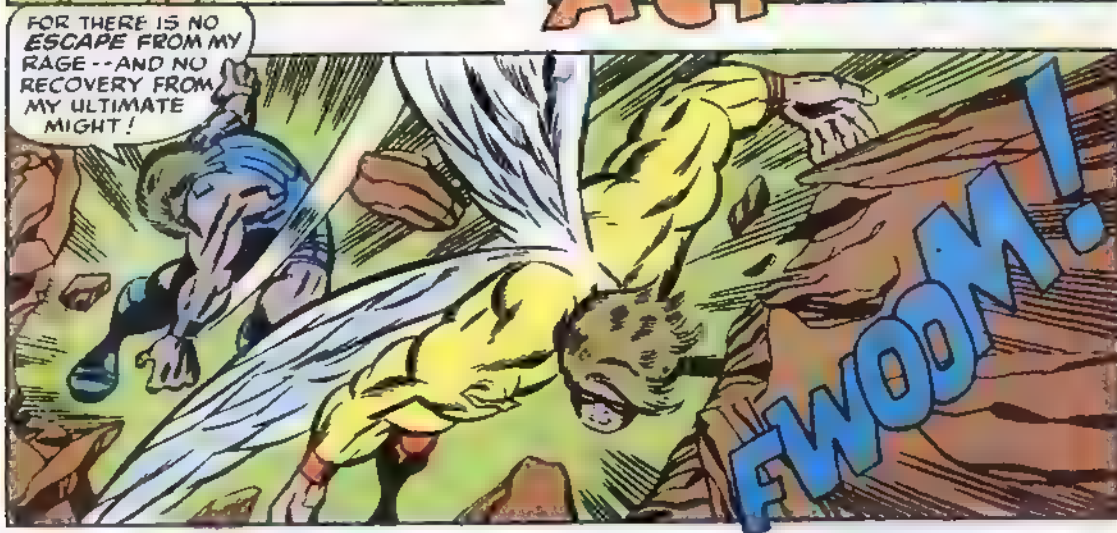
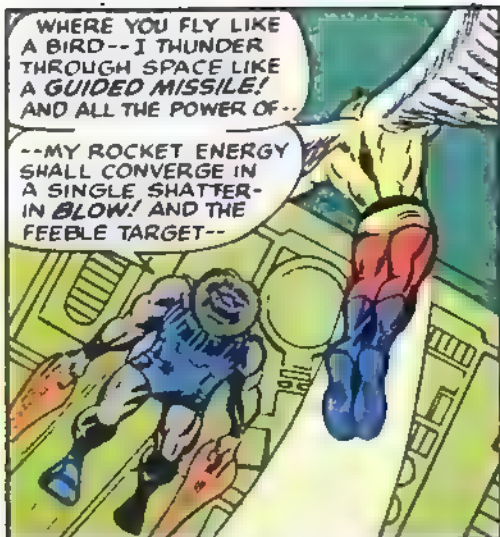
MISSED ME, LION-HEAD! HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR *OPTOMETRIST* LATELY?

NOT WITH THE *ARCHAIC* MUTATION WHICH GIVES YOU YOUR BIRD POWERS, BUT--

--WITH MY *OWN* NATURAL ABILITY TO PROPEL MYSELF THRU SPACE BY EMITTING *ENERGY* DIRECTLY FROM MY BODY! A *LIVING* ROCKET-- AIMED AT YOUR *VITALS*!

THERE IS A MUCH SIMPLER MEANS OF HANDLING YOU! FOR, THOUGH YOU ARE NOT YET *AWARE* OF IT, BLASTAAR TOO CAN FLY!

SHOOM!



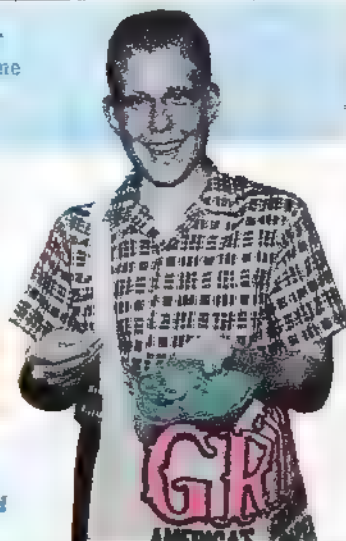
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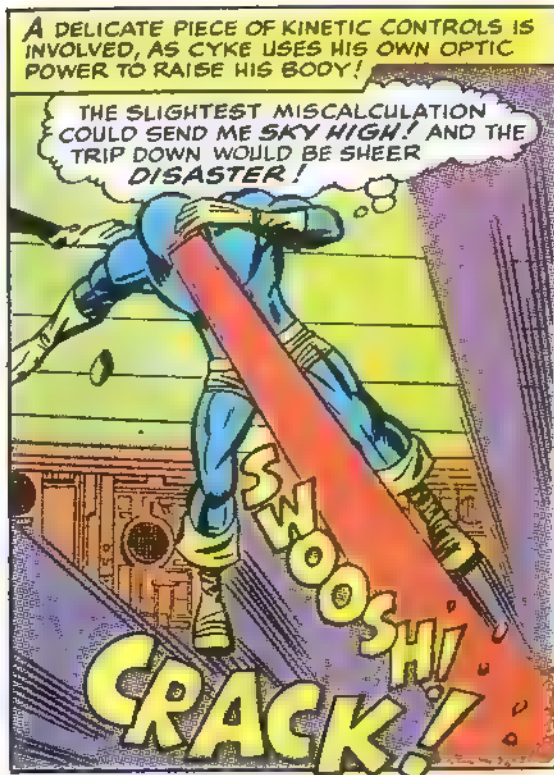
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GIVE ME A HAND, BOBBY! THE FASTER HE COMES AROUND, THE SOONER WE'LL HAVE REINFORCEMENTS TO FIGHT BLASTAAR!

RIGHT, JEAN! THAT BEAST IS ONE HECK OF A REINFORCEMENT, TOO!



I'LL SLIP HIM A WHIFF OF FROZEN OXYGEN!

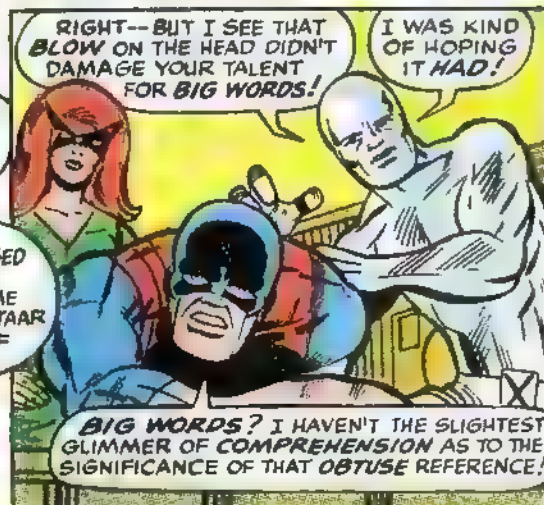
NOT TOO MUCH, THOUGH! DON'T WANT TO INJURE THE LUNG TISSUE!



ATTAWAY TO GO, BIG-FOOT! WE CAN USE YOUR HEAVY-HANDED TALENTS RIGHT ABOUT NOW!

THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT, FRIGID FRIEND! YOU ALWAYS KNOW--AS THE FRENCH SAY--THE MOT JUSTE!

NOW, AS I RECALL, I WAS ENGAGED IN CACOPHONIC COMBAT WITH SOME CHAP NAMED BLASTAAR--BEFORE THE ROOF FELL IN ON ME!



RIGHT--BUT I SEE THAT BLOW ON THE HEAD DIDN'T DAMAGE YOUR TALENT FOR BIG WORDS!

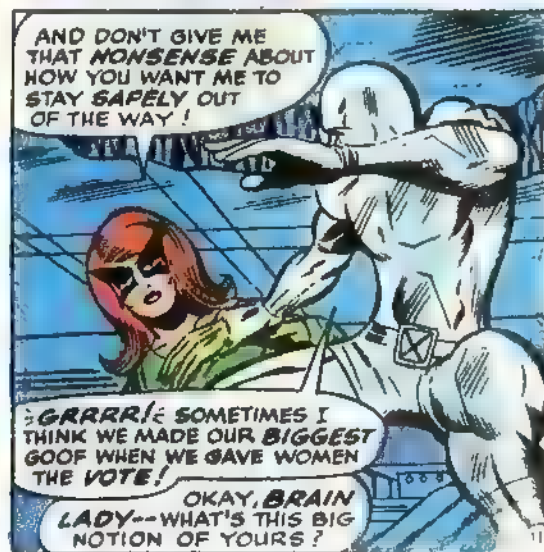
I WAS KIND OF HOPEING IT HAD!

BIG WORDS? I HAVEN'T THE SLIGHTEST GLIMMER OF COMPREHENSION AS TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT OBTUSE REFERENCE!



SKIP IT, WINDY--I'LL EXPLAIN IT AFTER WE BLAST BLASTAAR!

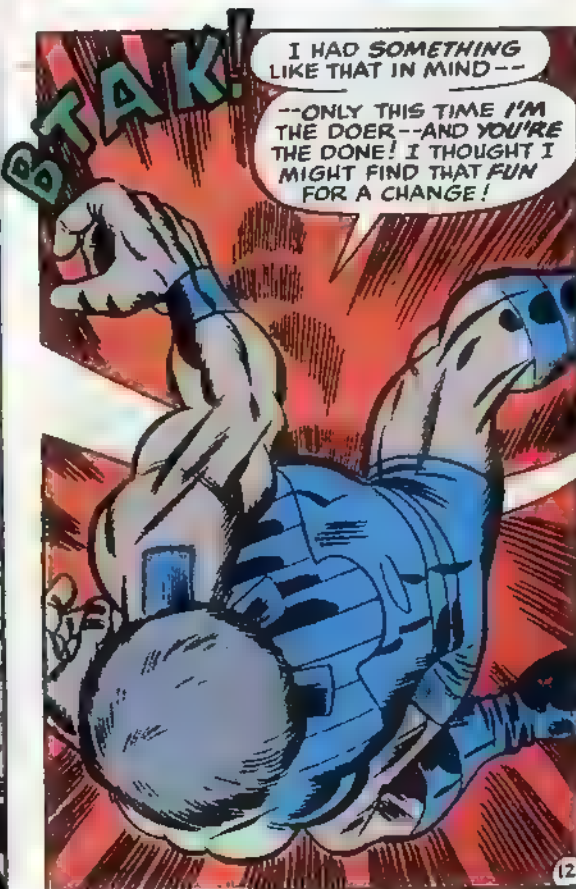
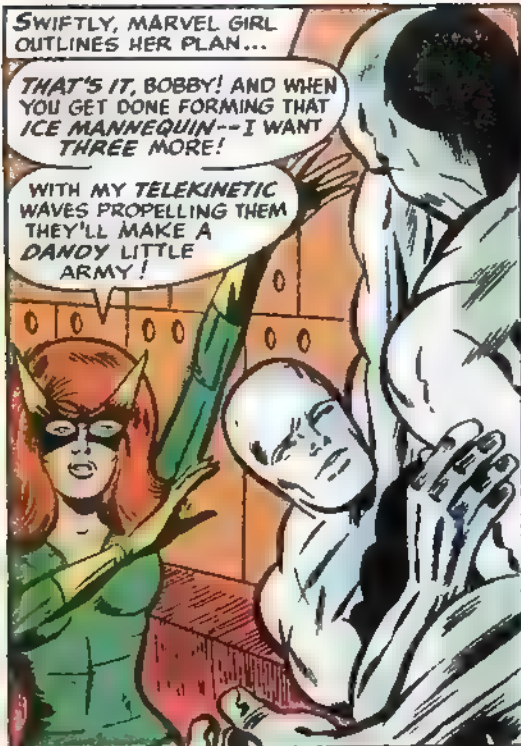
WAIT FOR ME, BOBBY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA THAT JUST MIGHT BE THE TICKET TO SEND BLASTAAR BACK WHERE HE CAME FROM!

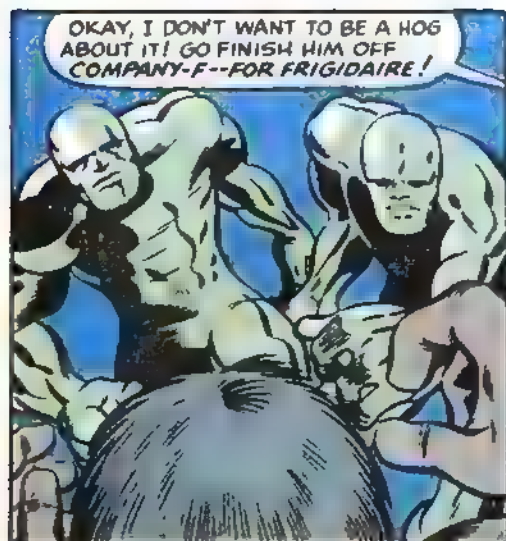


AND DON'T GIVE ME THAT NONSENSE ABOUT HOW YOU WANT ME TO STAY SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY!

GRRRR! SOMETIMES I THINK WE MADE OUR BIGGEST GOOF WHEN WE GAVE WOMEN THE VOTE!

OKAY, BRAIN LADY--WHAT'S THIS BIG NOTION OF YOURS?



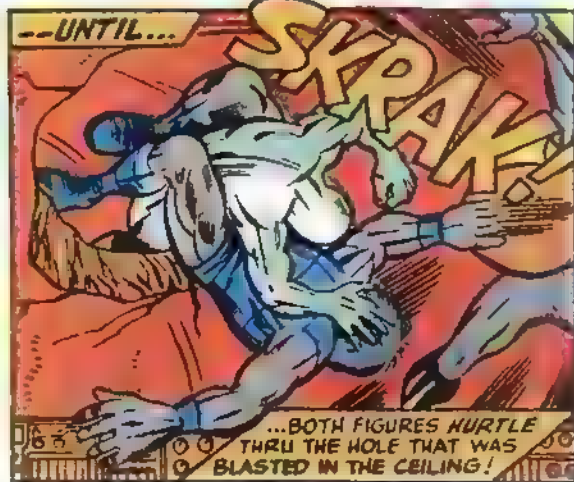


OKAY, I DON'T WANT TO BE A HOG ABOUT IT! GO FINISH HIM OFF COMPANY-F--FOR FRIGIDAIRE!



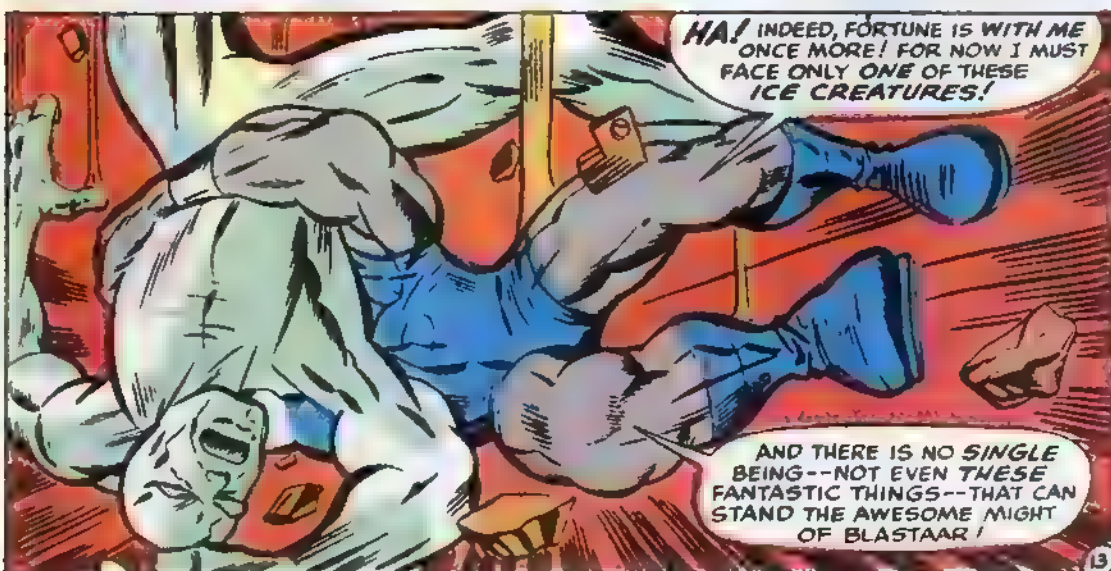
ARRRRGH! THEY ARE ALL OVER ME--BEATING AT MY FLESH WITH THEIR FROZEN CLAWS! BUT WHAT MOVES THESE THINGS? THEY ARE ONLY FROZEN LIQUID!

SLOWLY, FINGERS OF SUB-ZERO MATTER CLOSE ABOUT BLASTAAR'S THROAT AND HE RETREATS IN PAIN TO AVOID THEM--



--UNTIL...

...BOTH FIGURES HURTLE THRU THE HOLE THAT WAS BLASTED IN THE CEILING!



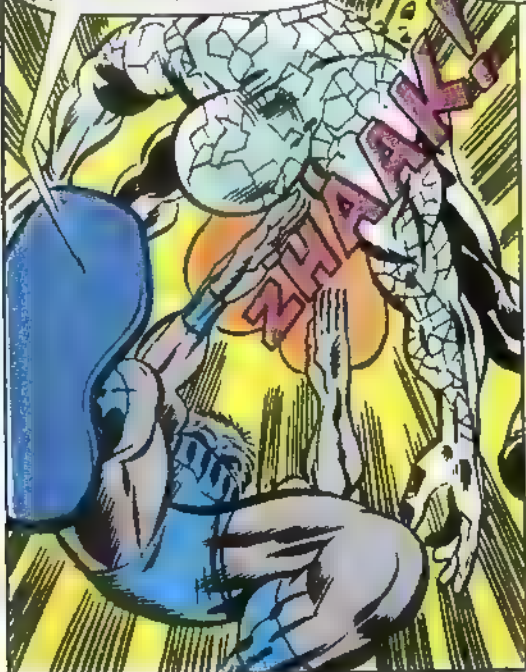
HA! INDEED, FORTUNE IS WITH ME ONCE MORE! FOR NOW I MUST FACE ONLY ONE OF THESE ICE CREATURES!

AND THERE IS NO SINGLE BEING--NOT EVEN THESE FANTASTIC THINGS--THAT CAN STAND THE AWESOME MIGHT OF BLASTAAR!

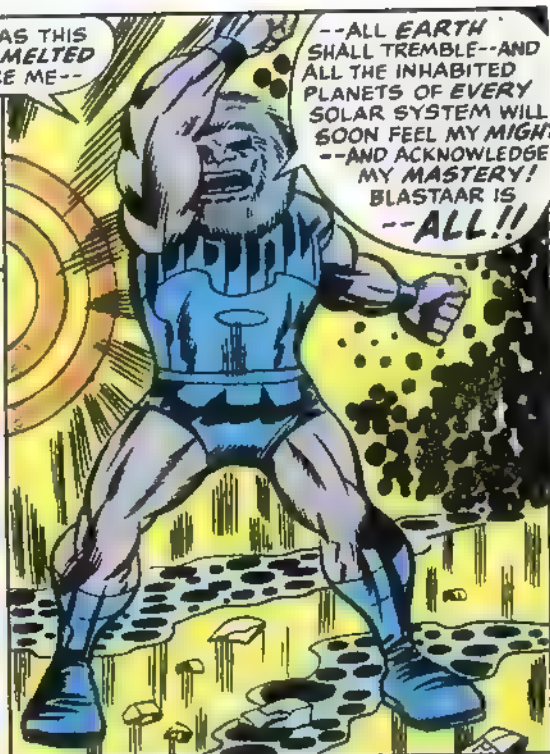
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THEN LET THIS BE THE END
OF THE FROZEN WARRIOR!
AND LET ALL SEE--

THAT, AS THIS
ENEMY MELTED
BEFORE ME--



--ALL EARTH
SHALL TREMBLE--AND
ALL THE INHABITED
PLANETS OF EVERY
SOLAR SYSTEM WILL
SOON FEEL MY MIGHT
--AND ACKNOWLEDGE
MY MASTERY!
BLASTAAR IS
--ALL!!

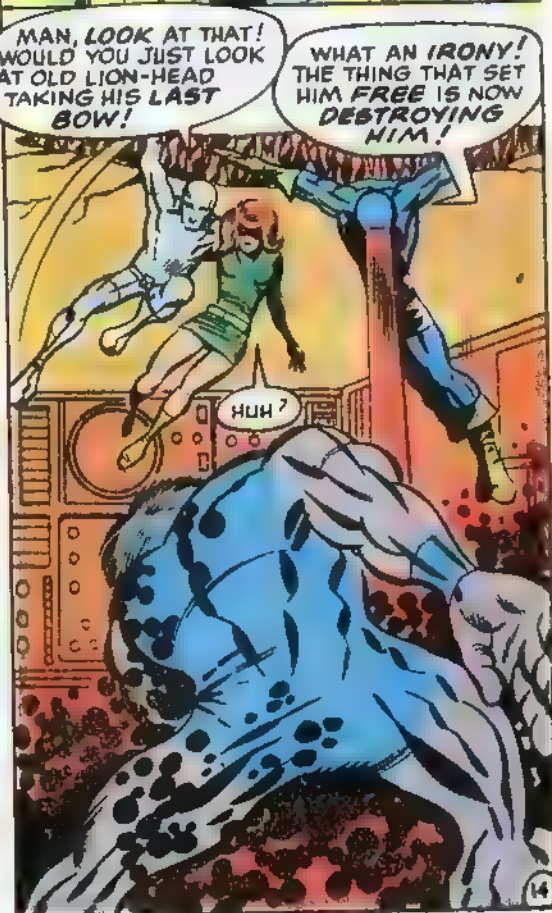


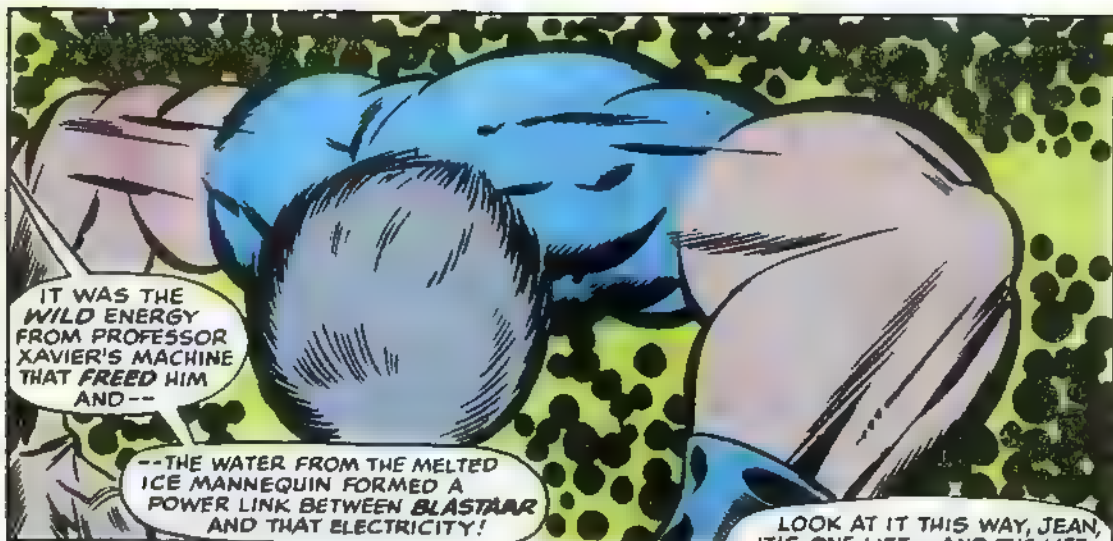
THEN, IN ONE BLINDING SECOND...



MAN, LOOK AT THAT!
WOULD YOU JUST LOOK
AT OLD LION-HEAD
TAKING HIS LAST
BOW!

WHAT AN IRONY!
THE THING THAT SET
HIM FREE IS NOW
DESTROYING
HIM!

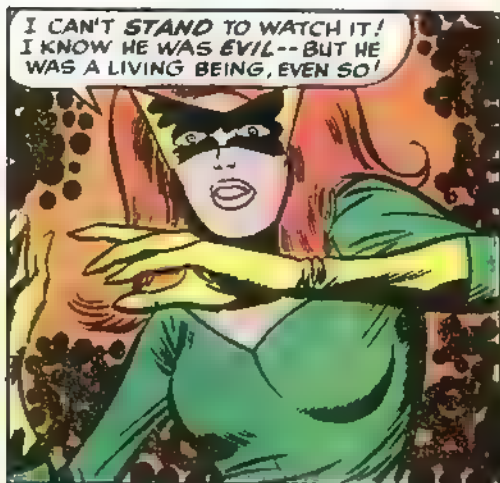




IT WAS THE
WILD ENERGY
FROM PROFESSOR
XAVIER'S MACHINE
THAT FREED HIM
AND--

--THE WATER FROM THE MELTED
ICE MANNEQUIN FORMED A
POWER LINK BETWEEN BLASTAAR
AND THAT ELECTRICITY!

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY, JEAN,
IT'S ONE LIFE--AND THE LIFE
OF A GUY WHO'D HAVE KILLED
US WITHOUT A HINT OF A SIGH--



I CAN'T STAND TO WATCH IT!
I KNOW HE WAS EVIL--BUT HE
WAS A LIVING BEING, EVEN SO!

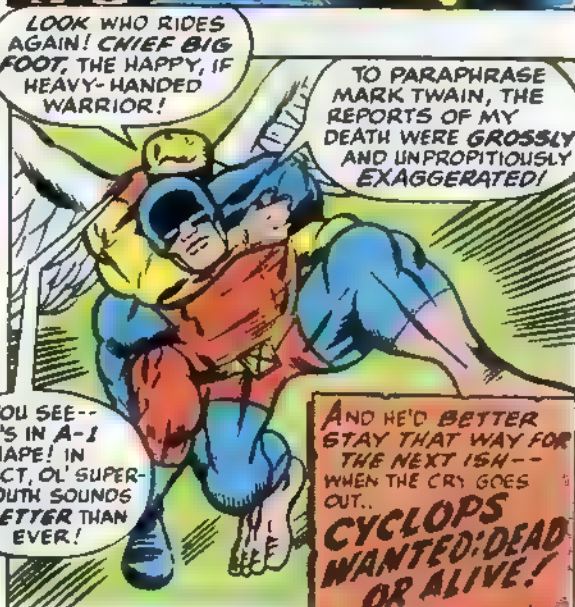


--AGAINST THE LIVES AND
THE FUTURE OF OUR WHOLE
WORLD--WHICH AIN'T EXACTLY
PERFECT, BUT IT'S ALL
WE'VE GOT!



BUT I
STARTED
THIS WHOLE
THING! I
BROUGHT
HIM HERE
TO EARTH
--AND NOW
HE'S DEAD!

NOT EXACTLY, HONEY!
BLASTAAR'S BASIC ENERGY
WAS--EVIL! PURE UNADULTER-
ATED HATE! AND, WHEREVER
MEN LIVE WITH HATE IN THEIR
HEARTS--BLASTAAR
LIVES THERE, TOO!



LOOK WHO RIDES
AGAIN! CHIEF BIG
FOOT, THE HAPPY, IF
HEAVY-HANDED
WARRIOR!

TO PARAPHRASE
MARK TWAIN, THE
REPORTS OF MY
DEATH WERE GROSSLY
AND UNPROFITOUSLY
EXAGGERATED!

YOU SEE--
HE'S IN A-I
SHAPE! IN
FACT, OL' SUPER-
MOUTH SOUNDS
BETTER THAN
EVER!

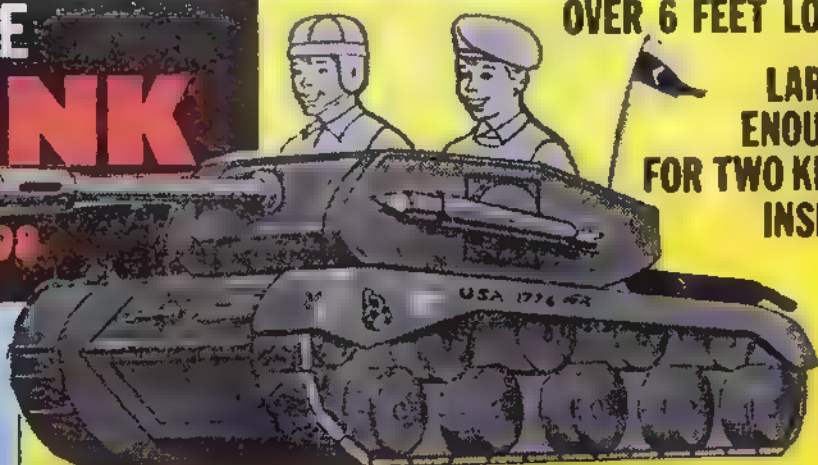
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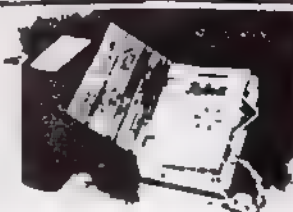
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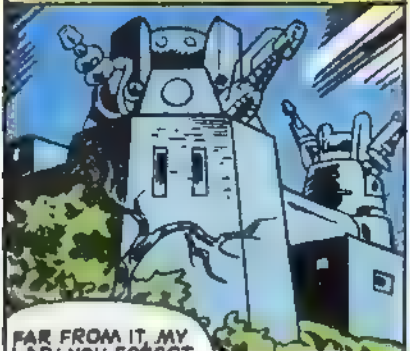
RIGHT OUT FROM UNDER THE NOSE OF A DOZEN ARMED GUARDS! NOW WE HAVE THE SINGLE GREATEST SOURCE OF ENERGY IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM-- THE SUN ITSELF!

YES, GREAT ONE! AND WHEN THE SUN RISES IN A FEW SHORT MINUTES-- UNCOUNTABLE ENERGY WILL POUR THROUGH YOUR GREAT KINETIC TRANSMITTERS! THEN ALL THE WORLD WILL BOW TO THE MASTERY OF-- EL CONQUISTADOR!

AND WHAT ABOUT THE KID WHO LIES ON THE FLOOR-- YOUNG HANK MCCOY WHO WAS FORCED TO DO THE CONQUISTADOR'S BIDDING? IS IT TOO LATE FOR HIM TO HALT THE HORROR THAT HE HELPED CREATE?

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AS THE DAWN DEADLINE TICKS CLOSER, GIANT POWER TRANSMITTERS SILENTLY AWAIT THE MOMENT WHEN THEY WILL THREATEN EVERY WORLD CAPITAL WITH DESTRUCTION!



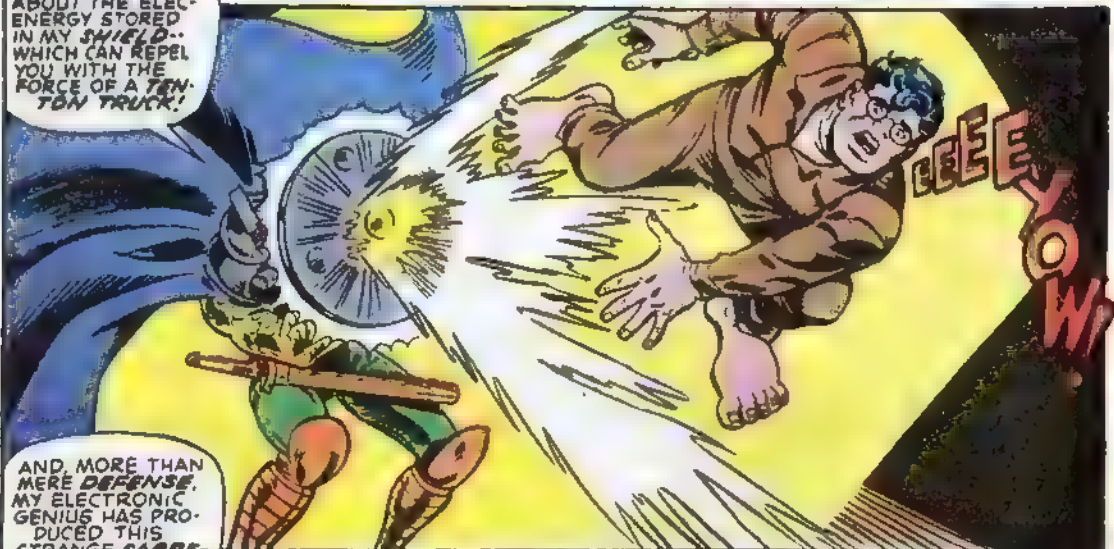
FAR FROM IT, MY LAD! YOU FORGOT ABOUT THE ELEC-ENERGY STORED IN MY SHIELD... WHICH CAN REPEL YOU WITH THE FORCE OF A TEN-TON TRUCK!

THEY'RE SO BUSY GLOATING OVER THEIR COMING VICTORY, THAT I MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO SNEAK PAST THEM...

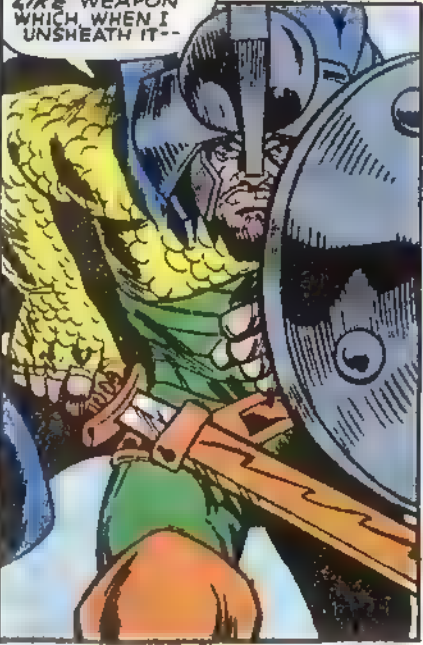


...AND FEAR THOSE TRANS-MITTERS APART WITH MY BIG BARE HANDS!

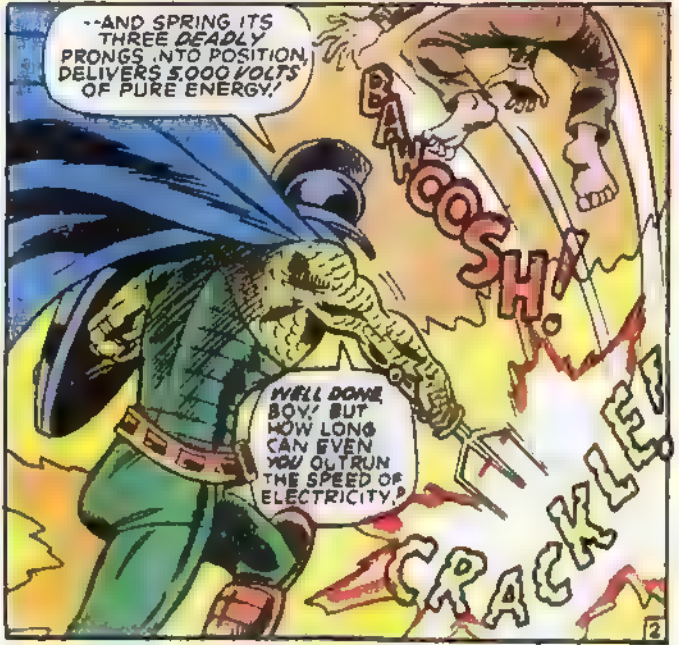
MASTER! LOOK OUT! THE BOY IS ESCAPING! HE WILL RUIN EVERYTHING!



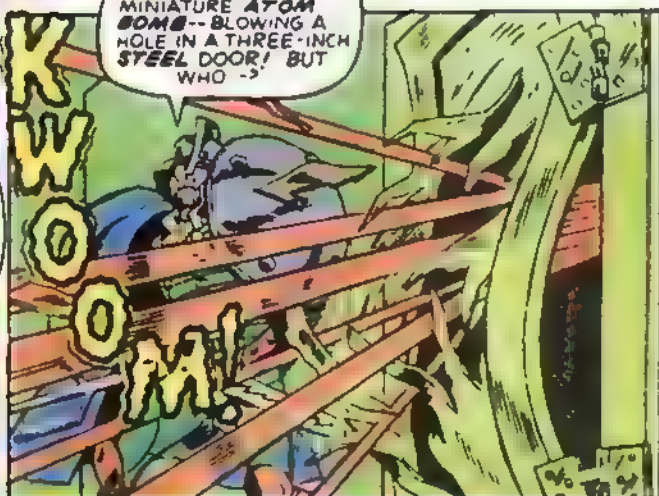
AND, MORE THAN MERE DEFENSE, MY ELECTRONIC GENIUS HAS PRODUCED THIS STRANGE SABRE-LIKE WEAPON WHICH, WHEN I UNSHEATH IT--



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WELL DONE BOY! BUT HOW LONG CAN EVEN YOU OUTRUN THE SPEED OF ELECTRICITY?



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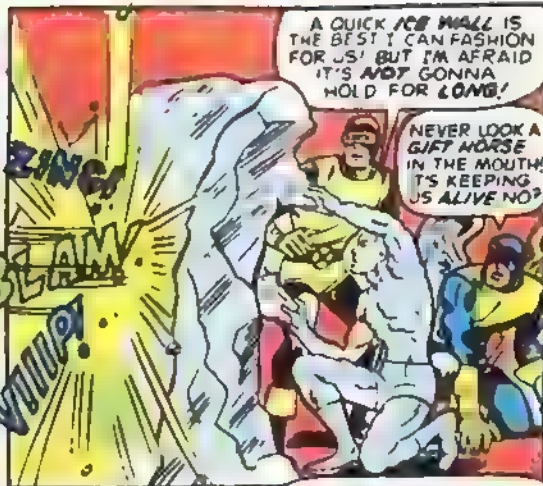


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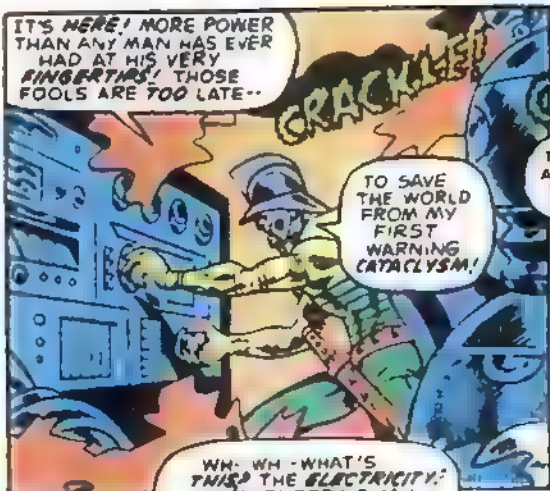
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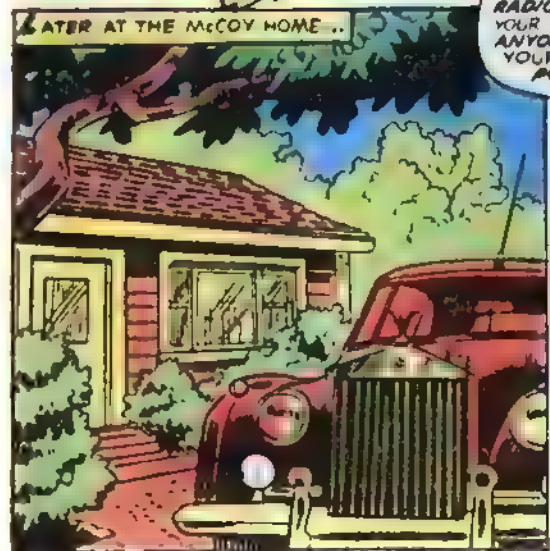
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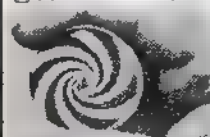
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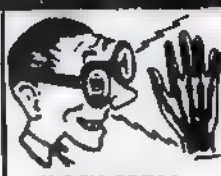
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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

Although I have been a reader of Marvel for more than two years, this is the first time I have written to you. I have just read the end of X-MEN #50, at the end of which are the two words, "Magneto lives!" This is most unfair. Magneto was killed at the end of AVENGERS #53 — how can you bring him back? When Professor X was killed back in X-MEN #41 you received many letters urging you to bring him back. But you kept saying you couldn't bring him back because "when Marvel kills 'em, they stay dead!" — as you wrote in one answer, Magneto certainly did not stay dead long! IF YOU CAN BRING MAGNETO BACK, YOU CAN ALSO BRING BACK PROFESSOR X. It is most unfair and cruel if you do not.

Maria Papeta
Omaha, Nebraska

Believe us, Maria, we'd bring back the redoubtable Professor Xavier if it were humanly possible or plausible! However, you've kind'a forgotten the difference in the two supposed "deaths". We saw merciless Magneto plummet into the waiting sea, and could only therefore assume he was dead. With Professor X, though, we not only saw him die — saw a grief-stricken Angel carry his lifeless form from a smoldering underground cavern — but we also witnessed his burial! Honest, pussycat — we're all for last-minute rescues, but bringing back the X-Men's lamented leader at this late date is probably a bit more than even the understanding throngs of Marvel-dom Assembled would stand for! (Or, is your beleaguered Bullpen just wrong again, as usual?)

Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

Yesterday I went to my favorite newsstand, an otherwise unimportant beanery, and "BAM!" — Steranko's cover blew my mind! I am, of course, referring to X-MEN #50. Thought I unhappily to myself, "Only a cover, not the story." I very gracefully proceeded to drop the mag on the floor and it mysteriously opened to the full-page spread that is almost a landmark of Jim's work! It took me ten minutes to regain control of my senses! Well, to say the least, it was super-colossal-fantabulous, and also a major happening in Marvel history. But, to get back to the appraisal of Jim's artwork: the cover masthead was a welcome change, suitable for a fifty-issue anniversary. I think that their once again becoming a group is great. Working solo or in two's is for the birds — just fighting two-bit menaces, when as a group they could just about cream anybody. Lorna's fine groovy powers would make a great addition to the team!

Wayne A. Smith, 4229 Woodlawn Ave. N.
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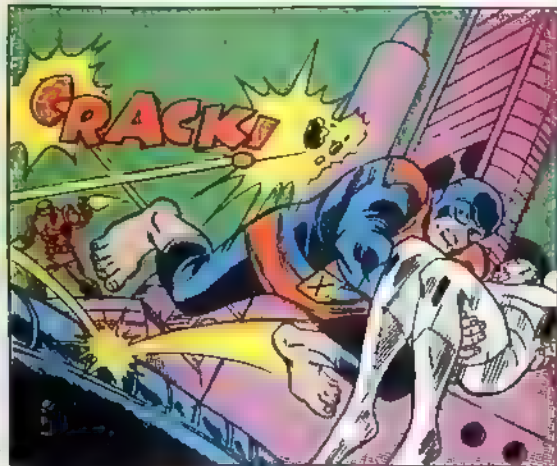
Don't think our mutant misfits don't know it, Wayne! You can expect to see more of the green-tressed Miss Dane when you're least prepared for it — in fact, maybe when even we are least prepared for it! And don't worry about the X-Men splitting up again in the near future. As about a zillion letters were not shy about informing us, that was just another mighty Marvel mistake! (See? Now, who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Halcyon Humility?)

Dear Stan, Arnold, Jim, and unsung heroes,

Issue #50 of the X-MEN was one of the best issues I've seen in a long time. Having Mr. Steranko do the entire mag was a stroke of genius. The cover was the best cover of the month — that combination of green, yellow, and orange was wild; and I also liked the new lettering. But a Marvelite does not measure a comic by just its art or lettering, but probes deeper into the plot; and to probe the plot of X-MEN #50 means to reveal the life of Magneto, his daughter, and his gang of evil mutants. I hope you continue this line-up of skilled artists. 'Til Warren Worthington III gets ainsick, you keep me hangin' on (Marvel, that is).

David Arnold, 1432 Stimson St.
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It's a deal, Davey! As for continuing a lineup of skilled artists on THE X-MEN, you may have noticed that the Jaunty One has since become the regular pencil-pusher for his own favorite comic-mag, CAPTAIN AMERICA — but we wouldn't exactly call the team of dauntless Denny Hack and wondrous Werner Roth unskilled labor! And, even greater things are still in store — as secrets you never even suspected are revealed to your awe-stricken eyes next ish! Be here, believer!



Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

My thanks to Jim Steranko. His pencilling of X-MEN #50 lent an air of sophistication and maturity to one of Marvel's most unique and original fighting teams! Through his dynamic illustrations, Steranko has captured the essence of the X-Men and given them strength of character and a dashing nobility. In this 50th edition, the mighty mutants have been portrayed as that majestic, superb team that you, Stan, must have had in mind when you created them!

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Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

X-MEN #49 I feel to be an improvement over the previous issues. First, there's the old X-MEN logo back (I hadn't realized I missed it so much until I saw it again), the unsurpassed Steranko cover, and the return of the good ol' continued story that works so well in X-Men stories. That's about all I have to say about issue #49. I'll leave further comments to those who write better than I. Concerning the new costumes: I dig their new individualistic uniforms, but I think you kinda ran out of ideas when you designed the Angel's and the Beast's. It is common knowledge that red-blue-yellow is the most frequently used uniform color in the history of comics. How about adding more variety (by means of color) to the X-Men's costumes by giving the Beast an orange and black uniform (leaving out the pants legs that restrict movement and make him look like he forgot to put on his boots? The Angel would be more suited to a yellow uniform with purple trimming. I hope you seriously consider it. Having done a minute's research on the subject, I have come to the conclusion that the Angel can't fly. ("Not another one of those letters," I can hear Stan moaning.) He can't fly by his wings, I mean. First let's look at the facts: Warren Worthington III's wings are a part of his body, not artificial, and are roughly five and a half feet in length (since he is able to conceal them on his person by a harness). Staying within the realm of pseudo-science, I can safely say he is not able to fly up by his wings because: a) the eleven foot wingspan is not large enough to allow him to be supported aerodynamically by the air currents, b) his muscles couldn't possibly have the strength and stamina to support him in the air for any length of time. But as we all know, the Angel does fly, and if not by his wings, then how? It is my theory that the Angel also has the power of levitation like his contemporary, Marvel Girl, and his wings are merely a secondary characteristic of his true mutant power. I'd be interested in hearing my fellow readers' comments concerning my hypothesis.

Mark Gruenwald, 1260 Westhaven Dr.
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

So would we, Mark — so much so, in fact, that we're gonna bury our heads in a dog-eared copy of Audubon's *Birds of America* prints and not surface until all the votes are in! Meanwhile, though, we sort'a hope you dig our new liltin' logo, designed by none other than jaunty Jim Steranko himself, which we've been using the last few issues. After all, we'd hate to have to go back to the old one, because progress in matters aesthetic has long been a Marvel watchword — because it would be a personal affront to the sedulous Mr. Steranko — and mainly because we've long since lost the old logo, anyway! Okay, buddy?

Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

The cover to X-MEN #50 could offer no dispute over the fact that it is the best X-MEN cover to date, and one of the best Marvel covers of all time — period! Steranko did a magnificent job on the art, and likewise for the colorist. Arnold Drake also seems to be improving, since I found no flaws in the story except for the fact I disagree with Magneto returning so soon — you are overdoing this villain. The continuance of the origin of the Beast was also a masterpiece, and I favor this 3-page feature very highly. Keep up this kind of work, and you'll be #1 AND #2 — leaving Brand Echh in the #3 slot. Maybe you already have.

Craig Battmer, 1530 Upton Ave. No.
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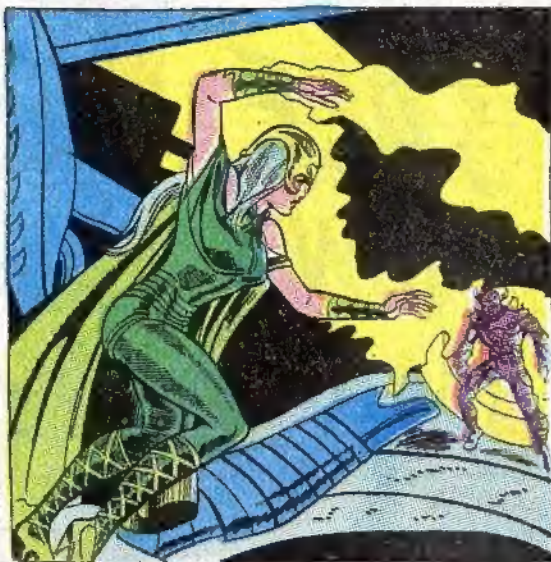
Hmmm . . . Brand Echh . . . Brand Echh . . . seems to us we've heard that name somewhere before, Mr. B! But, it must have been a long, long time ago, 'cause we've kind'a forgotten to whom it referred! Still, we agree with your tacit assumption that there are other comics companies. After all, somebody must be publishing all those mags that are left over on the stands when the Marvels are sold out! But, we always figured they were put out by gremlins . . . !

Dear Stan, Arnold, and Jim,

I would like to know one thing, and please set me straight if I'm wrong. When Prof. X founded the X-Men, he also founded a school to train these mutants. I think the X-Men should add new mutants to their ranks. Their mission should be one of seeking out these unfortunate mutants while also fighting baddies. I think the Banshee should be admitted. So . . . wasn't Prof. X's purpose to help mutants like himself? Well, what do you think, Marveldom?

Ray Thomas, 101 Union St.
W. Bridgewater, Mass. 02379

And while we're waiting for those mountains of mail to pour in, Ray — and take it from us, they will! — maybe we can get hold of an old ish and find out where in the wide, whacky world of Marvel we left the brain-blastin' Banshee, one of our most popular mutant supporting heroes! (Or was he a villain the last time we saw him? Oh well, that's Arnie Drake's problem . . . !)



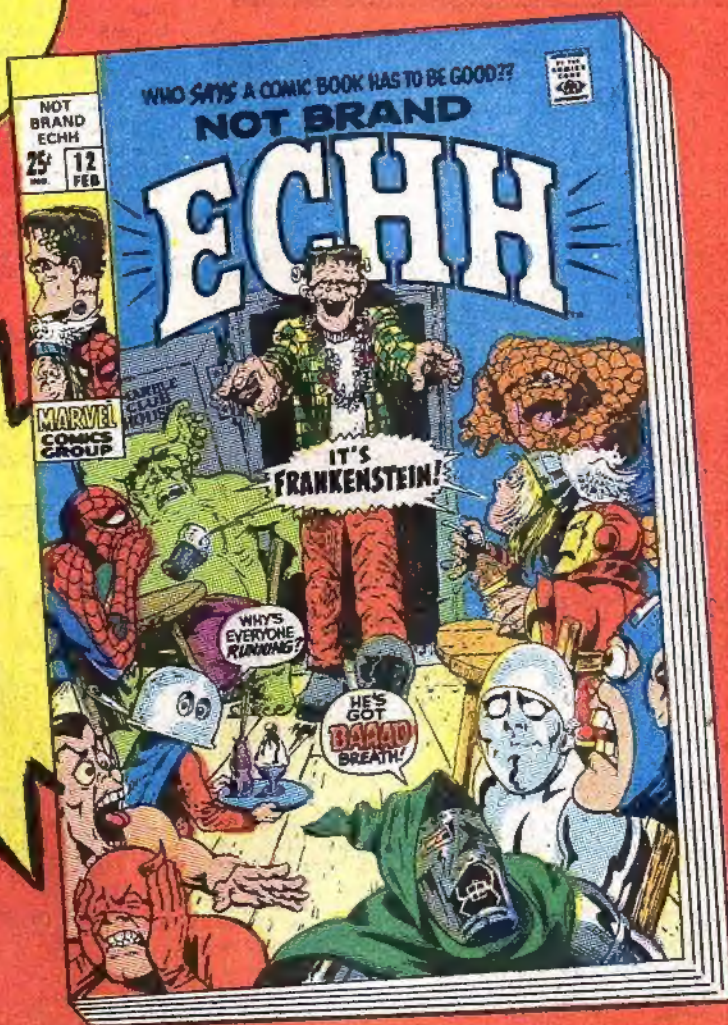
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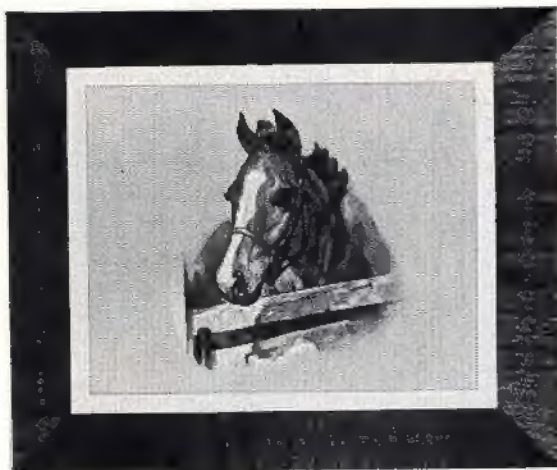
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